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Applicant(s) : Tetsujiro Kondo et al.  
Serial No. : 09/583,250  
Filed : May 31, 2000  
For : IMAGE PROCESSING APPARATUS, IMAGE PROCESSING METHOD, NOISE-AMOUNT ESTIMATE APPARATUS, NOISE-AMOUNT ESTIMATE METHOD, AND STORAGE MEDIUM  
Examiner : Gregory M. Desire  
Art Unit : 2625

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Dear Sir:

Transmitted herewith is an amendment in the above-identified application.

No additional fee is required.  
 The fee has been calculated as shown below.  
 This is an application of a small entity under 37 CFR 1.9(f), and the amounts shown in parentheses apply.

**Claims as Amended**

(1)	(2) Claims remaining after amendment	(3)	(4) Highest number previously paid for	(5) Present extra	(6) Rate	(7) Additional Fee
Total claims	22	Minus	** = 20	* 2 x	\$18 (9)	= \$ 36.00
Independent claims	8	Minus	*** = 6	* 2 x	\$86 (43)	= \$172.00
Total additional fee for this amendment						\$208.00

\* If the entry in Column 2 is less than the entry in Column 4, write "0" in Column 5.

\*\* If the highest number of total claims previously paid for is less than 20, write "20" in this space.

\*\*\* If the highest number of independent claims previously paid for is less than 3, write "3" in this space.

This application contains a multiple dependent claim. The required fee of \$290(145) has been previously paid  or is paid herewith .

This response is being filed within the \_\_\_\_\_ month following the expiration of the term originally set therefor. This is a petition to request a \_\_\_\_\_ month extension of time. A check covering the cost of the petition is enclosed.

A check in the amount of \$208.00 and a check in the amount of \$110.00 are attached, which cover the cost of  additional claims  petition for extension of time  Terminal Disclaimer.

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AMENDMENT

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Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed March 11, 2004, please amend the above-identified patent application as follows.

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